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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Specialist

RE:

Site Inspection, Pagano Clay Pit, East Carbon Development Corp., M/015/062,

Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

April 29, 1997

Time of Inspection:

10:00 a.m.

Conditions:

Clear

Participants:

Darin Olsen, ECDC, Hank Regulski, Staker Paving; Lynn Kunzler,

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Purpose of Inspection:

To evaluate reclamation activities of the site.

The inspection involved to sites that are now owned by ECDC. The first site evaluated was the old Pagano Clay pit that underwent reclamation activities 4 years ago. Vegetation has survived at least three growing seasons. The results of 10 transects resulted in 23% vegetation cover, compared to the 26% vegetation cover surrounding the site. This is above the 70% cover standard for successful revegetation. As the site was traversed, several species were noted which provides for diversity and stability. About ½ acre on the northern side has recently been disturbed by the County for obtaining gravel. This activity should be the County's responsibility to reclaim. It is recommended that the Pagano clay pit portion of this file can be released.

The second site was adjacent to the river and is an active pit for obtaining clay.

Darin indicated that as the pit enlarges, available topsoil will be salvaged. There was a small (about 2 acres) area along the wash on the northeasterly side that could be contemporaneously reclaimed this fall. Darin indicated he would investigate the feasibility of this (considering whether the pit will advance that direction in the future and the amount of area they need for product storage on site).

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